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SUBJECT: THE AHN TRIO PERFORMS AT JASPER ARTS CENTER

The Ahn Trio will perform at the Jasper Arts Center on Friday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m. Hailed as "exacting and exciting musicians" by the LA Times, the three sisters of the Ahn Trio (Lucia on piano, Angella on Violin, and Maria on cello) have earned a distinguished reputation for embracing 21st century classical music with their unique style and innovative collaborations. This performance is on the New Directions series which is designed to appeal to all audiences but most particularly to 25 to 45 year old patrons.

In 2011, President Obama invited the Ahn Trio to perform at the White House for a State Dinner honoring South Korea. The Ahn sisters were born in Seoul, Korea, and educated at the Julliard School in New York City. Reflecting the two cultures they grew up in, the Trio brings a new energy and excitement to the chamber music world. Such luminary composers as Michael Nyman, Maurice Jarre, Pat Metheny, Paul Schoenfield, Mark O'Connor, Kenji Bunch, Nikolai Kapustin, and Paul Chihara have written works for them. The trio's latest CED, *Lullaby for My Favorite Insomniac* (released by Sony) is a showcase of their fearless creativity, which made No. 8 on the Billboard Charts for 26 weeks in the Classical album category.

In the past ten years, the trio has performed in all 50 states and over 30 countries, and has recorded six albums. From their first recording of Ravel to their joint album *Smetana* recorded with Czech Grammywinning rock group Tata Bojs, their albums have all received rave reviews. The sisters thrive on dissolving the barriers between art forms. They have fused their work with a range of artists and musical genres, from dancers and lighting designers to DJs. The Ahns frequently enjoy having guest artists join them on stage.

Possessing an enviable combination of talent and style, they have long been natural subjects for the press. The Ahns made their magazine debut early on, in Time Magazine's cover story, *Asian American Whiz Kids*. They have since gone on to frequent fashion pages of the likes of Vogue and GQ, as well as being featured in ad campaigns for GAP, Anne Klein, and Bodyshop, among others. They have been named three of People's Magazine's 40 Most Beautiful People and most recently made a one-page appearance in Glamour Magazine.

Dedicated to educating and inspiring the next generation of musicians, the Ahns hold masterclasses and workshops across the United States and around the world. During their visit in Jasper, they will be featured at a Brown Bag lecture on Friday, October 25th at noon in the Krempp Gallery.

Their main performance will be on Friday, October 25th at 7:30 p.m. Order your tickets now by calling the Jasper Arts Center right away at (812) 482-3070. Prices are \$33 for adults, \$30 for seniors and \$28 for students and children.

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